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HAK: It is the worst from of blackmail I have ever seen.

K: I wanted to try something out on you. I was thinking of going to Portugal. At first I was advised against going but in the last 36 hours Art Hartman has said it would be useful.

HAK: I think it would...particularly if you could get a non-Communist forum.

K: I understand Brown is there now and you probably have been receiving reports...

HAK: I think you could do a lot of good there now and bring home to them that if they give the Communists a dominant role it is irreversible.

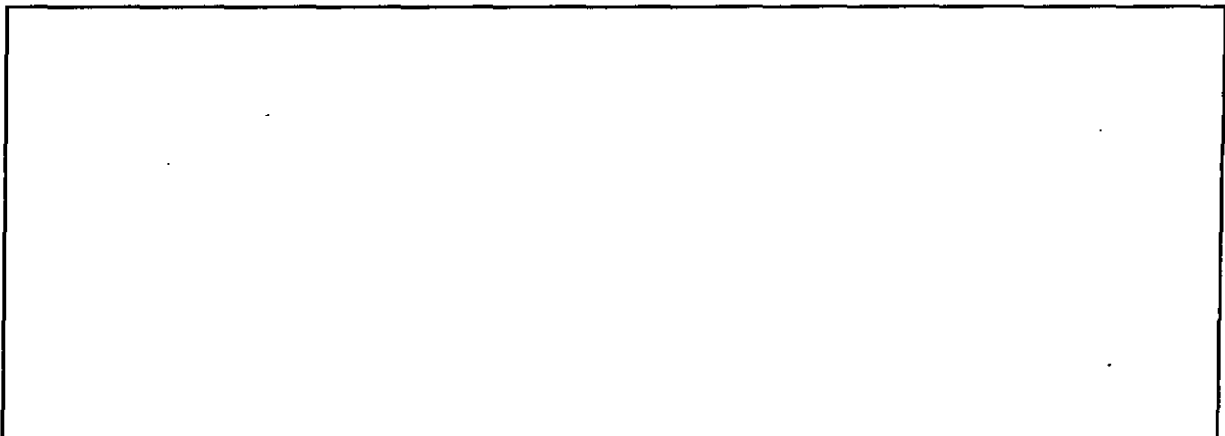
K: I just wanted to get some reaction from you.

HAK: I would support it.

K: I would go right after the election. They have been pressing me but I have been holding off. Hartman said a few weeks ago that he wouldn't do it but now he feels differently.

HAK: If you had asked me a while back I would have been reluctant but having talked to Costa Gomez I feel differently. He has tried to keep the democratic option open and we have to try to keep him from becoming a Kerensky.

K: OK



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HAK: Well, when I am here sometime, I will call you and drop over.

K: Alright. Have a good trip.

HAK: Thank you, Ted and you have a good trip.

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